



OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Stapleford and Great Shelford

We can shape the place where we live

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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document that sets out what's important to a particular community when it comes to planning matters.

That could mean:

- What sort of housing gets built and where
- How our green spaces are used
- The kinds of amenities that are developed
- Protecting the natural environment.

And lots more besides.

Local communities have rights and powers to shape the future development of their area by preparing Neighbourhood Plans. These documents set out planning policies for a local area and are used to decide planning applications – for things like new homes, and for developments of amenities like shops, playgrounds or offices.

Neighbourhood Plans are written by and based on the views of the local community – the people who know and love the area – instead of the local planning authority.

It's a way of shaping the places where we live.

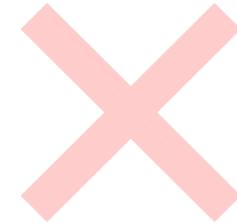
What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

What it is...



- A way of making sure that development meets the needs of our community
- Focuses on the use and development of land in our area
- A way of identifying specific development sites
- A channel for local people to have their say about what gets built or developed in their community

What it isn't...



- A way of stopping **all** development
- A way of dealing with non-planning matters (e.g. traffic management, pot holes, or big transport projects like CSET or EWR)
- Immediate – Neighbourhood Plans take many months of consulting with the community, analysing data, policy creation and report writing

How does it fit in the planning framework?

Our local plan is prepared by South Cambs District Council and sets the high level priorities for our area.

But our **Neighbourhood Plan** will be prepared by us and fill in the **detail** to make sure that development benefits our community.



Why do communities have them?

A Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity to create a shared vision of what's important to people in a defined locality.

We can then set out how we want our area to develop over the next 15-20 years to achieve this vision:

- Do we need different types of housing?
- Do we want more shops?
- What support do local businesses need?
- Do we want better parks or sports facilities?
- Perhaps we'd like things like more cycle paths.



*What's good?
What needs fixing?
What's missing?*

Or perhaps we really want to protect features that already exist, like heritage buildings or areas of woodland.

You can see some common areas of interest next.

**Economy and
employment**



Housing



**Local design
and character**



**Natural
environment**



**Amenities and
infrastructure**



Heritage

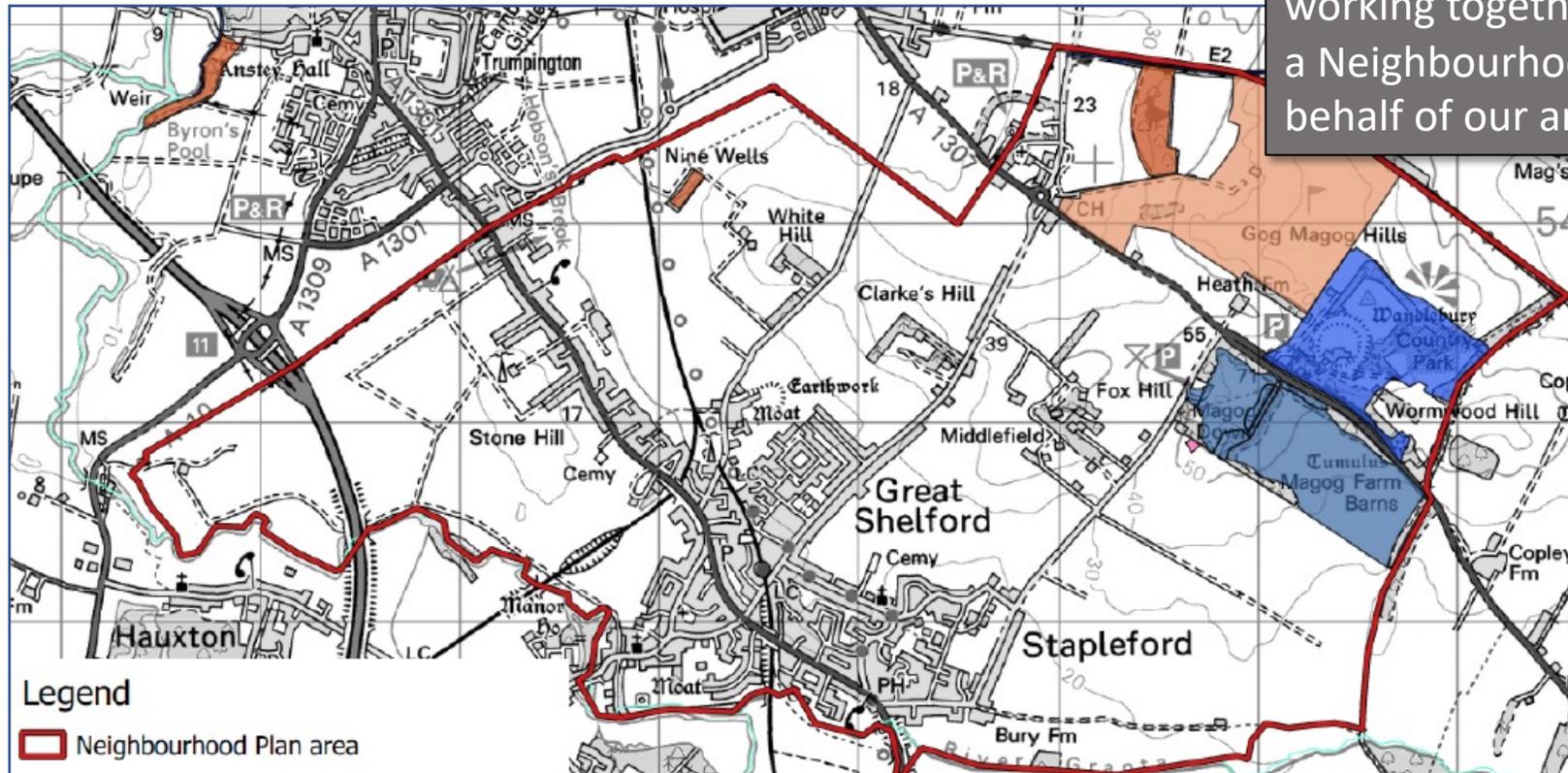


Travel and transport



What's happening in Stapleford and Great Shelford?

A group of residents and parish councillors are working together to produce a Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of our area

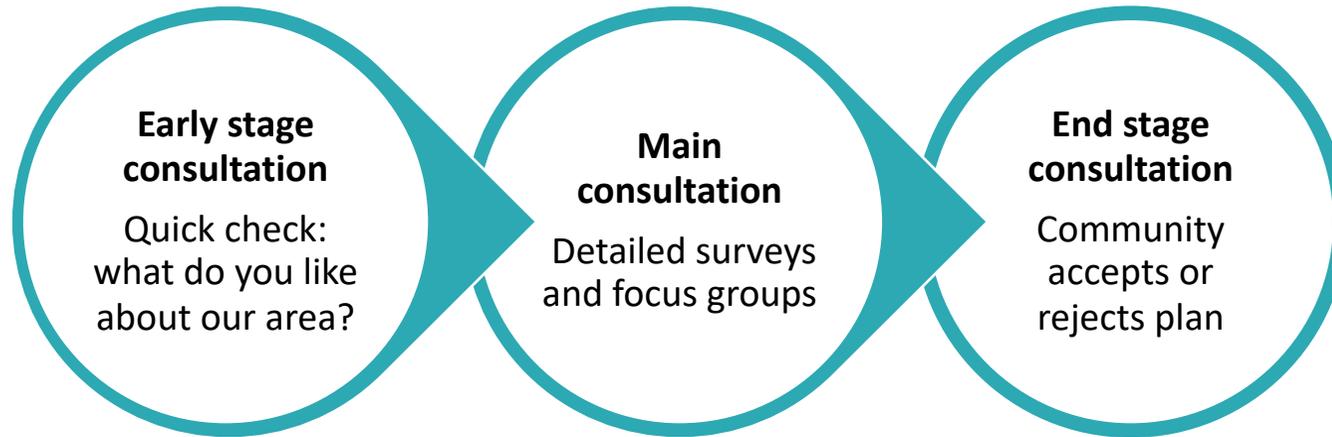


Why are we working together?

- The boundary between us is indistinct in many places
- We share many services and sit within a common landscape
- We face the same external development pressures due to our proximity to Cambridge, Addenbrooke's and the Biomedical Campus
- It's more time and cost efficient to work together

- **Does that mean there are plans to merge the two villages? Absolutely not!**
- Our villages have their own distinct personalities and character and it's important to acknowledge that
- But it does make sense to share the work. Neighbourhood Plans take a lot of effort to produce and require lots of consultation and engagement with the local community
- The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has parish councillors and residents from both villages

Consulting our community



If successful, our NP will become part of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan and have legal force for the benefit of our community

- The best way to find out what's important to our community is to talk to people. That's how our Steering Group will discover what we like and dislike about our area and how the community would like it to develop in the coming years
- There will be lots of opportunities for you to share your opinions. The information we get from talking to local people will help build the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Plan
- We'll say more about timings later but the whole process takes 2-3 years to complete

Please get involved

- If you live or work in Stapleford or Great Shelford, we'd love you to get involved in shaping the place where we live
- There are two ways you can do this:
 - Have your say – as a contributor
 - Activate your community – as a co-ordinator

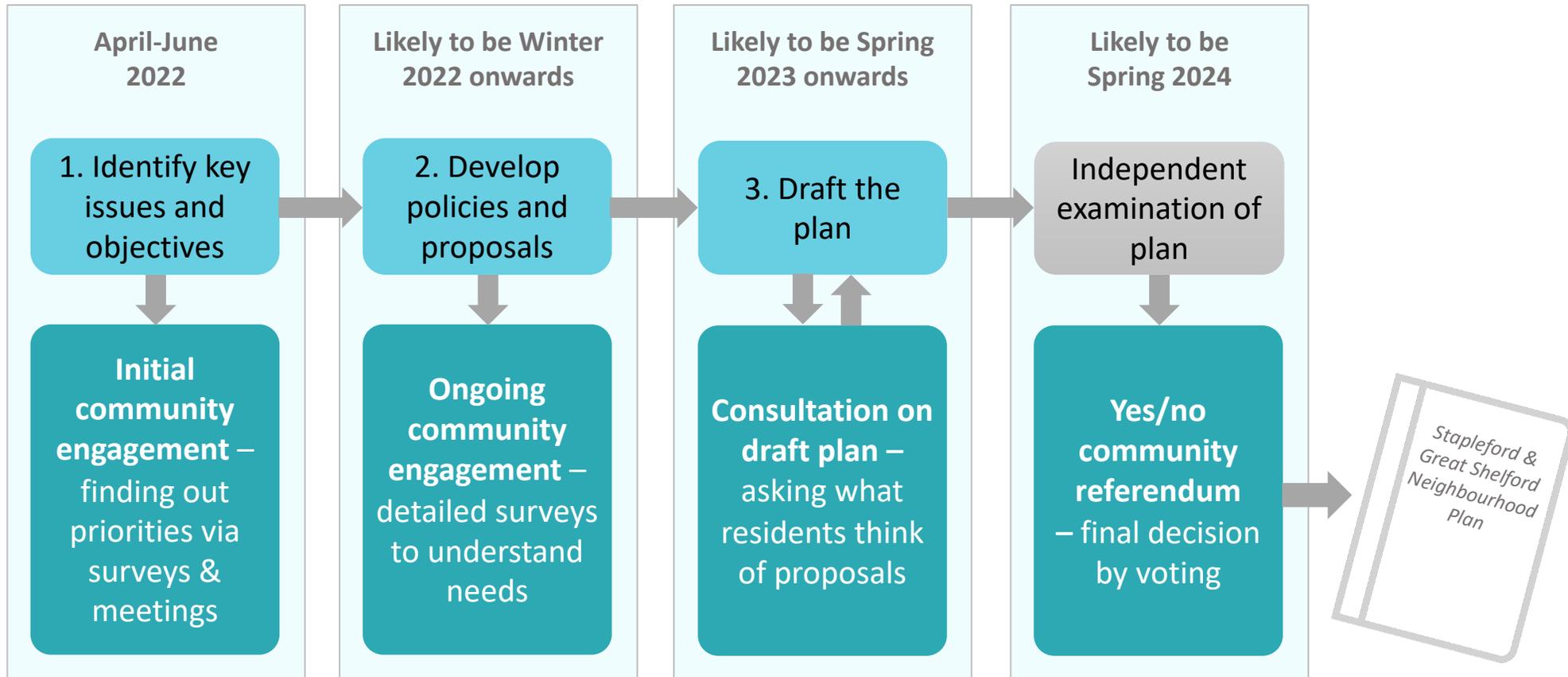
Contributor

- Think about how you want our villages to develop, what you like and dislike
- Let the Neighbourhood Plan steering group know what you think
- Complete our first survey:
- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SGSNPlan-whatmatterstoyou>
- Attend focus groups or events
- Join webinars
- Tell your local friends and neighbours!

Co-ordinator

- Act as a point of contact for specific groups – could be schools, clubs, networks
- Help get the word out about the Neighbourhood Plan – via email, social media or word of mouth
- Volunteer at events or on webinars
- Encourage people to complete surveys or attend events

Process and timelines



Want more information?

- The Steering Group will post regular updates and advertise how local people can get involved at key stages
- You can follow our work by:
 - Becoming a Neighbourhood Plan co-ordinator
 - Reading our articles in the villages' magazines
 - Keeping in touch with Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils' news channels (via their websites and meeting minutes)
 - Following us on social media
 - Checking the Neighbourhood Plan website (www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan) and signing up for updates
 - We'll post links to our articles on our News page
 - Contacting the Steering Group on SGSNPlan@gmail.com
- Useful links:
 - See other South Cambs' villages completed Neighbourhood Plans here – www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-plans/
 - Read about the draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan here – www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/
 - Read our magazine articles and updates here – <https://staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

Latest news!

- Early stages of community engagement will run through Spring/Summer 2022
 - Outcomes will shape the entire Neighbourhood Plan project, so it is very important that we hear from as much of the community as possible
 - Be sure to have your say!
- Join us for our first in-person events...
 - 2-4pm, Sat 23rd April 2022, Stapleford Recreation Ground and Jubilee Pavilion, CB22 5BQ
 - 9.00-11.30am, Wed 27th April 2022, Great Shelford Country Market, Memorial Hall, CB22 5LZ
 - Sat 4th June 2022, Stapleford Village Weekend
 - Sun 5th June 2022, Great Shelford Platinum Jubilee Event

Active surveys

*Please tell us what
is important to you
about our villages!*

Neighbourhood Plan Early Stage Consultation: Spring/Summer 2022

To start the whole Neighbourhood Planning process, we need to find out in broad terms what our community's planning-related priorities are. You can help us by filling in a short questionnaire, so we can focus the Neighbourhood Plan on the things which matter most to you. Everyone who lives and/or works in Stapleford or Great Shelford is eligible to respond. We hope you can find a moment to answer our questions and help us to get the ball rolling. Click this link or scan the QR code to take part:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SGSNPlan-whatmatterstoyou



We will also be holding drop-in events where you can find out more about Neighbourhood Planning and share your views about the place where you live with the Steering Group. Find out more at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan/ or contact SGSNPlan@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your input.